

The high noon sun beamed across the bus shelter along Deering Avenue, in the shadow of the University of Southern Maine campus.

This bus shelter was wrapped with a colorfully semi-translucent polyester film that brightens and dims with the sun. A crowd had gathered. A cadre of cultural leaders, public officials, community stakeholders, and the press all came out to celebrate this marriage of public art and mass transit.

“Public art elicits community dialogue,” said Dinah Minot, the director of Creative Portland. Portland’s public art efforts have inspired an undercurrent of creativity that swelled in the city streets and is gaining ground in Maine. The primary catalyst is the Bus Shelter Initiative, funded through an Our Town Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, and many other sponsors.

The Ghost Gear creative bus shelter, located at 251 Deering Avenue in the Oakdale neighborhood in Portland, was created by Maine College of Art and Design graduate Carter Shappy of Studio Shappy. Shappy is a visual artist, printmaker, designer, illustrator, and art technician who for over a decade has been documenting ghost gear – a fishing industry term for abandoned, littered and otherwise lost rope, nets, cords and lines that end up as flotsam throughout our ocean.

So far, there are nine creative bus shelters in Portland, [with more to come.](#)

But wonderful art projects aren’t just found in Portland. Jared Goulette, a professional muralist who goes by the moniker [The Color Wizard](#). In 2021, he received a Maine Arts Commission grant to transform ordinary utility boxes into hand painted, custom artwork. His use of shadowing and highlighting effects enhance the realism of the art, [making water droplets and frogs](#) seem to jump right off the surface. The Wizard’s most recent project includes a sprawling 18’ x 77’ foot mural painted with

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the help of inmates from the Maine State Prison in Warren. [The mural](#) is an expansive monochromatic mountain landscape. In the lefthand corner spells out the message. “Stay Positive.”

In Rockport, Jay Sawyer’s a newly installed sculpture [Salute to El Faro](#) pays a somber tribute to the 33 crew members lost at sea when their ship, the SS El Faro, went down during Hurricane Joaquin on Oct. 1, 2015. The crew included five Maine Maritime Academy graduates; four lived in Maine and two were Rockland residents.

Further up the coast in Ellsworth, one can observe [a mural in the making](#) thanks to advocacy and fundraising efforts of Cara Romano and The Heart of Ellsworth.

As the fall foliage is peaking, be sure to get out and observe the bright colors that public art has to offer. The world is our canvas.

**-Ryan Leighton**

Communications Director  
Maine Arts Commission



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nonprofits with operating expenses under \$1 million, as well as any BIPOC led arts nonprofit, regardless of size. **Current and new arts aligned MANP members are also eligible for the discount.** [CLICK HERE](#) to see the membership discounts.

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# THE VETERANS' ART EXHIBITION

## *Celebration*

With a special presentation of  
Quilts of Valor and Exhibition Tour  
at the Maine State Capitol  
Hall of Flags



TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 1, 2022

2:00 PM



Presented in partnership with the  
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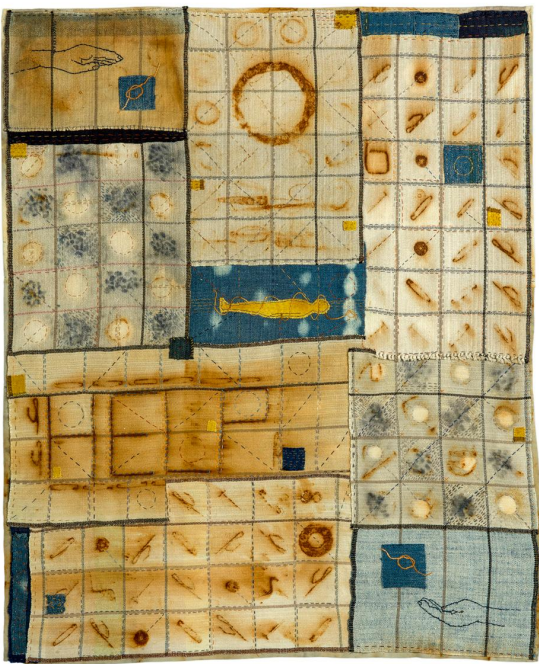
## Woven Works of the Universe by Sarah Haskell

Art In The Capitol, Augusta, Maine

On display until December 31, 2022

For artist Sarah Haskell, beauty lies in the  
imperfection of Earthly things.  
Using threads and linen, paper, or cotton





with botanical dyes from plants and mineral, she weaves, embroiders, and crochets her works of art. These Earthly works and textiles are on display as a free exhibit, open to the public from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, in the Maine State Capitol Complex through December 31, 2022. [Learn more here](#)



## Maine Arts Commission Welcomes SHEILA JANS

Sheila is the Regional Development Director at the Maine Arts Commission, a new part-time position. A native of Canada, Sheila grew up mostly in the Maritimes, moving from Montréal to Maine in 1997. She brings a long history of direct and on-the-ground experience in urban and rural environments, and with private, public, and nonprofit sectors. Her work is rooted in the idea that art and culture are powerful forces to build better places to live – she’s motivated by the possibilities that emerge when culture, place, and the economy intersect. Sheila has presented nationally and internationally, and designed Project Cultivate, an initiative that grew from her creative economic research with the University of Maine. She serves on the Maine Policy Review Editorial Board and Cultural Alliance of Maine, and has served on multiple committees and state-wide boards, such as the Maine Humanities Council.

Along with her part-time position with the Maine Arts Commission, she continues to work in cultural development with her consultancy,

CultureWorth. Sheila lives with her husband in Madawaska of Maine's St. John Valley, a stone's throw away from New Brunswick and Québec.

## Ticket To Ride Is Back

This year the Maine Arts Commission has more funds available for Maine educators to take their students on **field trips to arts venues**. Any PK-12 public school in Maine is eligible to receive up to **\$400 per school year**. The goals of the travel should support student learning and be aligned with the visual and/or performing arts standards. Applications are accepted throughout the year.

[Learn More & Apply HERE>](#) Photo courtesy of Penobscot Theater Company



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# CANDLEPIN

the documentary

A SHORT FILM BY  
RICKY LEIGHTON

OCTOBER 27  
ALAMO THEATER 7PM  
FILM PREMIERE & LIVE Q&A

A FREE EVENT SPONSORED BY BUCKSPORT HOUSE OF PIZZA

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**CANDLEPIN** a locally made documentary short is set to premiere at the Alamo Theater in Bucksport on Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. Check it out!

A Short Film by Ricky Leighton



CANDLEPIN is a Maine Arts Commission grant funded project.

# Welcome to CreativeGround

Creative New England, Online.

CreativeGround is New England's community-generated, free, online arts and culture directory that provides visibility, connection, and information to support a region-wide creative network. Spotlighting the stories, relationships, and data of the creative people and places at work empowers the creative community with more resources. [Create a Profile](#) and connect today!



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## Maine Arts News & Opportunities

- [Colby College Announces Lyons Arts Lab - A Multidisciplinary Incubator](#)
- [Waterfall Arts Hiring Marketing Manager, Teachers](#)
- [Portland Museum of Art offers Free Admission on Indigenous People's Day](#)
- [Documentary film release: "Solar Flares & Salazar: An Art/Science Collaboration"](#)
- [The Dance Hall celebrates first decade with 10th Anniversary Celebration](#)
- [Rauschenberg Medical Emergency Grants Available for Artists](#)
- [Call for Artists: Mixmaster 2023, Mattatuck Museum, CT](#)
- [El Faro Salute transforms tragedy and grief into art](#)
- [99 Years - Podcast Launch, Portland Stage](#)
- [Artist Peter Bruun Confronts Grief in Innovative Exhibition](#)
- [Open Auditions for A Musical Christmas Carol, The Grand, Ellsworth](#)
- [Aligning Practices with Values: Redesigning Due Diligence to Promote Equity](#)
- [Call for Art: Bittersweet, Gallery 263, Cambridge, MA](#)
- [National Call for Miniature Art, Bristol Art Museum, Rhode Island](#)
- [Union of Maine Visual Artists Seeking Members - Midcoast Chapter](#)
- [Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission Seeking Director](#)
- [Celebrate National Arts & Humanities Month - Show Your Art](#)
- [You're Invited To Join the Maine Workforce Development Compact](#)

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## Events & Additional Opportunities

- [Oversees Touring Opportunities for Performing Artists - \\$300,000](#)
- [CMCA & Indigo Arts Alliance presents: Through This to That, Oct-Jan](#)
- [Portland Conservatory of Music Kicks off Noonday Concert Series](#)



- [UMF Art Gallery presents “Agreeable Nonsense” exhibit Oct. 18-Nov 20](#)
  - [Maine Artist Charlie Hewitt Launches First Digital Collection of NFTs](#)
  - [Shuddersome: Tales of Poe - Ten Bucks Theatre Company, Oct 20-30](#)
  - [Portland Ballet opens its season with Giselle Oct. 22](#)
  - [Waterfall Arts Announces 'Badass Cross Stitch' Exhibition & Workshops Oct. 21-23, 2022](#)
  - [CANDLEPIN Documentary set to spotlight sport's Maine history, Oct. 27](#)
  - [Spooktacular Songs and Storytime, Merrill Auditorium, Oct. 29](#)
  - [The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari with Accompaniment by James Kennerley Oct. 29](#)
  - [Goblin Market - Theatrical Performance, Denmark Arts Center Oct. 30](#)
  - [Final Weeks to Visit the Ogunquit Museum of American Art for the Season](#)
  - [Rhapsody In Black, Camden Opera House, Nov 4](#)
  - [The Thanksgiving Play, USM Gorham, Nov. 4](#)
  - [The Love For Love's Sake: A cozy music & dessert soiree & benefit for MAINENEEDS, Nov. 5](#)
  - [National Theater Project Regional Convening in New England, Hartford, CT Nov. 1-16](#)
  - [New England Arts Opportunities & National Opportunities](#)
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